

IN THE CLAIMS

PLEASE AMEND THE CLAIMS AS FOLLOWS:

1. (currently amended) A method for providing a personal media service, ~~[[said]]~~ the method comprising:

presenting a user with a selection of pre-defined channels;

~~storing, in a local cache,~~ media content of at least two pre-defined channels provided by a remote publisher in a local cache prior to a selection by the user;

receiving input from ~~[[said]]~~ the user specifying a custom channel as a combination of at least two pre-defined channels of said selection; and

making the wherein play of said custom channel and both of ~~[[said]]~~ the at least two-predefined channels provided by ~~[[said]]~~ the remote publisher ~~[[is]]~~ immediately available for playback from ~~[[said]]~~ the local cache.

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising wherein playing said ~~cached media content of said custom channel comprises:~~ playing back interleaved media content of ~~[[said]]~~ the at least two pre-defined channels that have been combined into ~~[[said]]~~ the custom channel.

3. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein providing ~~[[said]]~~ the user with a selection of pre-defined channels ~~includes comprises:~~ displaying a list of ~~[[said]]~~ the pre-defined channels.

4. (currently amended) The method of claim 3, wherein the received input ~~receiving input from said user comprises:~~ includes dragging icons dragged from ~~[[said]]~~ the list representing the first and second pre-defined channels to a screen area used to configure ~~[[said]]~~ the custom channel.

5. (currently amended) The method of claim 4, wherein ~~upon playing of said custom channel,~~ content from ~~[[said]]~~ the first and second pre-defined channels are given substantially equal time during playback.
6. (cancelled)
7. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein at least one of ~~[[said]]~~ the pre-defined channels ~~of said selection comprises~~ includes user owned content owned by said user.
8. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein at least one of ~~[[said]]~~ the pre-defined channels ~~of said selection comprises~~ includes content broadcasted via the Internet.
9. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein at least one of ~~[[said]]~~ the pre-defined channels ~~of said selection comprises~~ includes content broadcast via airwaves.
10. (withdrawn) The method of claim 1 wherein at least one of said pre-defined channels of said selection comprises web text converted to speech.
11. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising~~[[:]]~~ sending information specifying content of ~~[[said]]~~ the custom channel via a network.
12. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising~~[[:]]~~ transmitting media content of ~~[[said]]~~ the local cache to a remote location via a network upon receipt of authentication information from ~~[[said]]~~ the remote location.

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13. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

~~based on user input,~~ developing information specifying a media content type to be recorded based on user input;

monitoring content of one of ~~[[said]]~~ the pre-defined channels;

analyzing ~~[[said]]~~ the content to capture a content identification signature; and

recording ~~and preserving said the~~ content for later playback only if ~~[[said]]~~ the content identification signature indicates correspondence to ~~[[said]]~~ the media content type.

14. (currently amended) A method for providing a personal media service, ~~[[said]]~~ the method comprising:

providing presenting a user with a group of pre-defined channels, wherein content corresponding to the group of pre-defined channels is stored in a local cache prior to selection by a user;

accepting a user selection of at least two of ~~[[said]]~~ the pre-defined channels;

~~[[and]]~~

~~selecting interleaving~~ supplemental media content ~~to interleave~~ with media content of ~~[[said]]~~ the at least two selected pre-defined channels; ~~[[and]]~~

caching ~~[[said]]~~ the selected supplemental media content along with ~~[[said]]~~ the two pre-defined channels to make the cached media content available for immediate playback, ~~wherein playback of , playing~~ media content of a first one of ~~[[said]]~~ the selected pre-defined channels is interspersed with ~~[[said]]~~ the supplemental media content.

15. (currently amended) The method of claim 14, wherein playing back media content ~~includes; comprises;~~

maintaining a pointer within ~~[[said]]~~ the supplemental media content; and
~~at selected points with said media content of said first selected pre-defined~~
~~channel,~~ playing a portion of ~~[[said]]~~ the supplemental media content at selected points
within the media content of the first selected pre-defined channel, wherein the selected
points are determined by [[said]] the pointer while advancing said pointer.

16. (currently amended) The method of claim 14, further comprising:

receiving ~~from said user~~ information about user preferences from the user; and
selecting ~~[[said]]~~ the supplemental media content based on ~~[[said]]~~ the user
preferences.

17. (currently amended) The method of claim 14, further comprising: ~~after playing first~~
~~selected channel interspersed with said supplemental media content,~~ playing ~~[[said]]~~ the
second selected channel interspersed with ~~[[said]]~~ the supplemental media content after
playing the first selected channel interspersed with the supplemental media content
while continuing to advance through ~~[[said]]~~ the supplemental media content.

18. (currently amended) The method of claim 14, wherein selecting ~~[[said]]~~ the
supplemental media content ~~comprises selecting~~ includes a selection based on a current
location of a portable device.

19. (currently amended) The method of claim 18, wherein the location of the portable
device is determined using the Global Positioning System (~~further comprising;~~
~~determining said current location employing GPS).~~

20. (currently amended) A method of providing a personal download media service, [[said]] the method comprising:
- receiving a series of preferences from a user;
 - applying rules to [[said]] the preferences to identify a list of pre-defined channels available to [[said]] the user;
 - displaying [[said]] the list of pre-defined channels to [[said]] the user; and
 - locally caching at least two of [[said]] the pre-defined channels prior to selection by the user so that either of the cached pre-defined channels is available for immediate playback.
21. (currently amended) The method of claim 20 further comprising:
- playing back media content of at least one of [[said]] the pre-defined channels;
 - receiving a command from [[said]] the user to skip a portion of [[said]] the media content;
 - skipping [[said]] the portion of [[said]] the media content;
 - ~~and then resuming playing play back of the media content;~~ and
 - transmitting information indicating [[said]] skipped portion of the media content to a remote monitoring site.
- 22.-45. (cancelled)
46. (new) The method of claim 3, wherein the received user input includes a mouse click indicating selection from the list representing the first and second pre-defined channels.

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47. (new) The method of claim 14, wherein playing back media content includes:
maintaining a pointer within the media content; and
playing a portion of the supplemental media content at selected points within the media content of the first selected pre-defined channel, wherein the selected points are determined by the pointer.
48. (new) The method of claim 14, wherein playing back media content includes:
maintaining a pointer within meta-tag associated with the media content; and
playing a portion of the supplemental media content at selected points within the media content of the first selected pre-defined channel, wherein the selected points are determined by the pointer.
49. (new) The method of claim 14, wherein the supplemental media content includes an advertisement.
50. (new) The method of claim 14, further comprising:
playing back media content of at least one of the pre-defined channels;
measuring play back of supplemental media; and
transmitting information indicating play duration of supplemental media to a remote monitoring site.